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SUBJ: GOU PROVIDES MORE INFO ON CAPTURED TERRORISTS AND THEIR PLANS

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1. SUMMARY: IN A NATIONAL RADIO AND TV HOOKUP THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 29, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE JOINT FORCES READ A COMMUNIQUE PROVIDING ADDITIONAL DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE PARTY FOR THE VICTORY OF THE PEOPLE (PVP) WHOSE APPARATUS IN URUGUAY HAS BEEN DESTROYED. THE 45 MINUTE PRESENTATION DESCRIBED THE PVP'S MODUS OPERANDI AND ITS PLANS FOR SABOTAGE AND ASSASSINATION. THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS OUTLINE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESENTATION AS PROVIDED BY THE JOINT FORCES AND WITHOUT EMBASSY COMMENT WHICH WILL FOLLOW IN SEPTEL. END SUMMARY.

2. FOR A PERIOD OF MONTHS THE PVP DREW ON ITS AMPLE FUNDS TO PROMOTE A FICTITIOUS TOILET PRODUCTS CALLED VILOX WHOSE SYMBOL WAS A MAP OF URUGUAY ON WHICH WAS SUPERIMPOSED A LARGE V WITH AN X INSIDE THE V. THE ROMOTION CAMPAIGN INCLUDED SPONSORING MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, HIRING BILLBOARD SPACE, DISTRIBUTING PAINTER-STYLE CAPS, WALL POSTERS, BUMPER STICKERS, ETC., IN WHAT WAS A SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO BUILD PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF WHAT WAS TO HAVE BEEN REVEALED LATER AS THE PARTY SYMBOL. THUS, ON THE DAY IT PROCLAIMED ITS EXISTENCE, THE CLANDESTINE PARTY WOULD HAVE HAD ITS WIDELY-RECOGNIZED SYMBOL ALREADY DISTRIBUTED AND DISPLAYED PROMINENTLY THROUGHOUT URUGUAY.

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P2 3. DOCUMENTS CAPTURED FROM PVP MEMBERS REVEALED WELL-ADVANCED PLANS TO ASSASSINATE A NUMBER OF OFFICIALS, INCLUDING NOT ONLY ARMY OFFICERS BUT ALSO OTHERS SUCH AS FOREIGN MINISTER BLANCO, COUNCILOR OF STATE VEGH VILLEGAS, THE URUGUAYAN AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL AND COLORADO PARTY LEADER JORGE BATLLE. ALONG WITH THESE DOCUMENTS WERE PHOTOGRAPHS REVEALING THAT THE TERRORISTS HAD BEEN IN BOTH BRASILIA AND THROUGHOUT MONTEVIDEO OBTAINING DETAILS ON THE MOVEMENTS AND SURROUNDINGS OF THEIR INTENDED VICTIMS. THE ASSASSINATIONS WERE TO HAVE BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY ACTS OF SABOTAGE INCLUDING THE BLOWING UP OF AN URUGUAYAN OIL TANKER AND URUGUAYAN NAVAL VESSELS THROUGH THE USE OF TRAINED FROGMEN.

4. THE PVP'S EFFORTS TO DAMAGE THE IMAGES OF BOTH THE ARGENTINE AND URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENTS WERE INTENSE. THE PARTY ISSUED FALSE STATEMENTS IN THE NAME OF NON-EXISTENT OFFICIALS, ACCUSED URUGUAY OF HAVING A BASE OF MILITARY OPERATIONS IN ARGENTINA AND EVEN WENT SO FAR AS TO SIMULATE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES AND KIDNAP ITS OWN ACTIVISTS. THESE KIDNAPPINGS WERE CARRIED OUT SO WELL THAT EVEN FAMILY MEMBERS OF PVP TERRORISTS WERE CONVINCED THAT ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE. HAVING ESTIMATED THIS COVER THEY WERE NOT ONLY ABLE TO DAMAGE ARGENTINA'S IMAGE BUT ALSO TO REINFILTRATE URUGUAY.

5. AS MENTIONED THE PREVIOUS DAY, THE PVP UTILIZED SOME \$2 MILLION IN AN INTERNATIONAL PRESS CAMPAIGN, ALSO PART OF THE SCHEME TO DAMAGE URUGUAY'S IMAGE ABROAD. AS AN EXAMPLE, THE TERRORISTS STATED IN EUROPE THAT URUGUAY HAS THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF PRISONERS IN THE WORLD, ONE FOR EVERY FIFTY INHABITANTS. THIS WAS ACCEPTED AND EVEN USED AS DOCUMENTED EVIDENCE BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. "IT IS ENOUGH TO MAKE A SIMPLE CALCULATION TO ARRIVE AT A SIMPLE CONCLUSION - THAT IT IS NOT PHYSICALLY POSSIBLE FOR URUGUAY TO HAVE SOME SIXTY THOUSAND PERSONS IMPRISONED. ONLY MALICIOUS INTENT OR COMPLETE IGNORANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE REALITY OF OUR COUNTRY COULD LET PEOPLE OR INSTITUTIONS REPEAT (WHAT WAS SAID IN) THESE CAMPAIGNS."

6. COMPLETE TEXT OF THE COMMUNIQUE OF OCTOBER 28 AND 29 ARE BEING POUCHED TO ARA/ECA.

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